

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4080 - SB 4065

February 27, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the current exemption for disabled veterans obtaining free motor vehicle registration to expand to include registration for any noncommercial vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 9,500 pounds or less. Requires the Department of Safety to issue, free of charge, Class D or Class M driver's licenses to each disabled veteran in Tennessee. Each license shall not expire and shall contain language substantially similar to "DAV-PERMANENT."

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$229,400

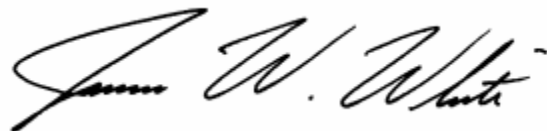
Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000/One-time

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Revenue (DOR), each veteran can be issued two free plates. DOR indicates that each plate is determined by the registrant, and not by the vehicle. Therefore, DOR has indicated no significant impact to departmental revenue or expenditures resulting from the registration provision proposed in this bill.
- According to the Department of Safety, there are approximately 58,825 disabled veterans in Tennessee.
- Driver license issuance cycle is every five years.
- The driver's license renewal fee is \$19.50 each.
- The decrease to state revenue attributable to the driver's license provision is estimated to be \$229,400 ($[58,825 \div 5] \times \$19.50 = \$229,418$) per year.
- One-time state expenditures of \$50,000 for computer and software modifications in the Driver License Division of DOS.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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